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POLICE FEEL HOLT HAD ACCOMPLICES

Held One Of The Most Dangerous Criminals Of The Age

Body Of Holt Positively Identified As That Of Prof. Erich Muentner

New York, July 8.—Frank Holt, or Erich Muentner, to give him the name that rightfully belonged to him, killed himself in the very hour that the police were beginning to accumulate evidence that he was not merely an overworked college teacher with mind unbalanced by the European war, but was one of the most dangerous criminals of the age and very probably an agent of a far-reaching conspiracy.

The alleged carelessness of a jail keeper at Mineola, which made it perfectly simple for Holt to open an unbarred cell door and an unlocked corridor door, climb the natural ladder furnished by the steel grill work of the cell block or jail cage to the roof of the cage and cast himself head forward to the cement floor, fourteen feet below, has interposed what may prove to be an insurmountable obstacle to an absolute revelation of Holt's doings and connections and the identity of the plotters with whom it is now believed he must have worked.

The dead body in the morgue at Hempstead, L. I., might have been led, so the police now feel, to have confessed the full measure of his plans and plots; whether or not he planted explosives in the steamship Philadelphia of the American line or the steamship Saxonia of the Cunard line, as he boasted he had done in a letter to his wife; whether or not men more dangerous than himself used him as their tool; whether or not it was his intention to blow up public buildings in this and other large cities, destroy great powder mills, such as the Dupont works, or even to assassinate public men who had not shown (as he regarded it) sympathy for the German cause. All these puzzles might have been solved by Holt himself had not the jail warden fallen asleep or had not some other mysterious circumstance, which can not even be guessed at, allowed him to find the one way of escape from inquisitors and punishment.

Identified as Muentner.

A very brief review of the goings and comings of this person, who is said to have used the name Frank Holt to impose upon the girl he married in Dallas, Tex., her respectable family and their many prominent friends, but who was positively identified as Professor Erich Muentner, once a teacher of German in Harvard and a refugee from justice since 1906, when his wife Leona died from poison and he was indicted for murder, is

sufficient, in the minds of Police Commissioner Woods' detectives, to prove that he could hardly have worked single handed; to show that he must have had accomplices; to indicate the existence of a far-reaching and frightful plot of murder and dynamiting.

The attempt on the night of July 2 to blow up a part of the capitol at Washington; his nearly successful effort to kill J. P. Morgan at East Island on the morning of July 3; his success (by his own statement, whether that is credible or not) in secreting explosives on an ocean liner about to start for Liverpool; his facility in getting wherever he pleased until last Saturday morning without detection, and his ability to move large parcels of dynamite and bomb-making materials from place to place, all seem to show, so the police say, that Holt was not operating all alone, but that he had the active and passive help of others. In the effort to prove that this is true and to lay hands on Holt's fellow conspirators, the full power of the United States secret service has been brought into action and the police departments of New York city and Washington are hard at work.

The body of Holt or Muentner is in the undertaking establishment of C. B. Cornell at Hempstead, awaiting the instructions of Holt's family in Dallas.

No Dynamite on Liners.

New York, July 8.—The captains of the liners Saxonia and Philadelphia, on which Frank Holt, the assassin of J. P. Morgan, who committed suicide in the Mineola jail, had placed dynamite, according to his own statement, reported by wireless that inspection of the two ships had been made and that no dynamite had been found.

MORGAN LEAVES HIS BED

Physicians Permit Financier to Take a Little Exercise.

New York, July 8.—J. P. Morgan was able to leave his bed and walk about his house on East Island. His physicians did not permit him to over-exert himself, but they decided that he has regained so much strength that a little exercise would be beneficial. Mr. Morgan's family and friends were surprised at his remarkably rapid recovery from the injuries inflicted last Saturday morning by Frank Holt. Julius S. Morgan, spokesman for the family, said over the telephone: "My father's condition is excellent. Probably by the end of the week he will be able to take a trip on his yacht, the Corsair, a trip up the Hudson or the Sound."

MISSOURI STORM SWEEPED WITH MANY FATALITIES

St. Louis, July 8.—Five persons were killed in a tornado which swept through Charles county, this state. The damage is estimated to have been at least \$500,000. Mrs. Thomas Slatery and her two children, residing at Dardenne, eighteen miles west of St. Charles, were killed when the wind wrecked their home. One death at Wenseville and one death at Gilmore has been reported.

Four coaches of a westbound Washash passenger train were blown from the track west of Gilmore. Four mail clerks were slightly injured.

The church of St. Charles Barrocoe at St. Charles was leveled by the wind. It was reported that a woman had entered it and was praying when the sides caved in. The church was

valued at \$70,000.

Nearly 100 patients in the St. Joseph's hospital at St. Charles were thrown into a panic when part of the roof was blown from the structure. Attendants and patients who were able to leave their beds restored order and carried the helpless to places of safety. The electric light plant was put out of commission and miles of electric light, telephone and telegraph wires were twisted together on the streets.

Water was running four and five feet deep in the streets of St. Charles. In the lower part of the town, the business section, water engulfed the floors of stores. The great steel plant of the American Car and Foundry works was badly damaged.

CHARACTERISTIC SCENES IN GERMAN DASH THROUGH EASTERN AREA OF WAR



UPPER—REPAIRING AUSTRIAN GUNS. LOWER—GERMAN CAMP IN POLAND.

In the accompanying illustration are shown two of the latest pictures to reach this country from the war zone in Europe. One shows a German camp scene in Poland, the other a number of men repairing big guns of the Austrians which had been put out of commission temporarily in an attack on the Russian forces.

DISASTER OVERTAKES S. S. PICNIC PARTY

Toronto, Ont., July 8.—Twelve persons were killed and forty injured, some seriously, in the derailment of a trolley car near Queenstown, Ont. The victims were members of a Toronto

Sunday school who had gone on a picnic to Niagara Falls. A car bound north was derailed on the sharp incline leading from the trolley bridge to the village.

CONSIDERS RELIEF PLANS ON MEXICAN SITUATION

Windsor, Vt., July 8.—President Wilson received a very lengthy cipher message from Washington regarding the Mexican situation, dealing principally with the increasing serious reports of widespread famine. Military

operations for the capture of Mexico City were also described. There is good ground for belief that the president is considering suggestions of a plan for early and extensive relief operations in Mexico.

STRIKE OF PRISONERS

Springfield, O., July 8.—Nine prisoners of the city jail, who had been doing outside work, went on a strike, declaring that they did not have sufficient food to eat to enable them to work. The prisoners were placed under lock and key.

MAY DROP HUERTA CASE

Washington, July 8.—There are indications here that the case against General Huerta, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States by inciting a new Mexican revolution, might be abandoned.

GROVE CITY VOTES WET

Columbus, July 8.—With a total of 294 votes cast, Grove City, a suburb, after being dry for two years, voted wet by a majority of 5. Both wets and dries put up a vigorous campaign.

GASOLINE EXPLODES

Port Clinton, O., July 8.—Roy Link, owner of a garage at Oak Harbor, and Charles Welner of Toledo were seriously burned about the face and body when a gasoline tank exploded on Link's car. Link was working under the car.

BRYSON AT THE TOP

Columbus, July 8.—Charles H. Bryson, a member of the Ohio civil service commission, has received his rating in a recent competitive examination for the position of chief examiner and executive officer of the Philadelphia commission. He stood at the top of the list of thirty-four applicants, and the commission in the Quaker City is in the habit of appointing the candidate with the highest standing, regardless of his political affiliations. Bryson said if he were tendered the position he would accept.

WANT FOUR YEAR TERMS

Columbus, July 8.—County officers from sixty-five counties, at a meeting here, decided to initiate a constitutional amendment fixing four years as the term of all county officers. The proposal will provide that there be no election of county officers in 1916 and that four-year officials be elected in 1918. The primary effect of the amendment would be to extend from two to four years the terms of officers elected in 1914.

WIDOW LOSES HER SUIT

New York, July 8.—A jury in the United States district court returned a verdict in favor of the New Haven road in the \$24,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Florence Clarke, widow of George L. Clarke, the engineer of the Boston express, which jumped the track at Westport, Conn., on Oct. 2, 1912, killing Clarke and four passengers.

CINCINNATI STRUCK BY A TORNADO

Buildings Razed in All Parts of City.

MANY PEOPLE MISSING

Great Damage Done on Hilltops and in Business District.

STEAMERS SINK IN THE OHIO

Nearly a Score of Passengers on Pleasure Boats Reported Drowned. Dozen Suburban Towns Also Hard Hit by the Storm—All Wire Communication Through the Ohio Valley Destroyed.

RESULT OF STORM'S FURY

Ohio—Cincinnati swept by the property loss in Cincinnati estimated at nearly \$1,000,000. Train wrecked in Plainville, Ohio.

Kentucky—Covington, Ludlow, Dayton, Bellview and Newport suffered heavy property losses. Reported nearly a score of lives lost in these cities.

Illinois—Russellville struck by tornado, reported seven dead. At Lawrenceville two reported killed. Enormous property damage at both these cities.

Indiana—One killed at Vincennes. One killed at Lawrenceburg. Heavy property losses in both places.

Missouri—Seven reported dead in St. Charles. Town of St. Peters said to be partly wiped out.

Cincinnati, July 8.—Twelve persons are known to be dead, twenty buildings are known to be destroyed and hundreds of persons are missing as the result of a fierce tornado which swept over the city.

Latest reports on the extent of the cyclone's damage here show so many persons missing that an estimate of the dead is impossible. It is feared, however, that scores have lost their lives.

The steamer Island Queen, plying to Coney Island, a picnic resort, has not reported. There were many hundreds aboard.

The steamer Convey was sunk and six of the twenty-four persons on board were rescued. The others are believed to be dead.

The steamer Bolton was sunk and

all on board were rescued except the captain, who was drowned.

Six persons are believed to be dead in debris at Eighth and Cutter streets. Eight persons are missing in a house demolished at Sixth and Mount streets.

Great damage was done on the hilltops surrounding the city and in the small towns along the Ohio river. Most of the damage in Cincinnati proper was confined to the business district.

Owing to the fact that all wire traffic was destroyed through the Ohio valley, the extent of the damage or possible loss of life in the river towns in this section is not known. Last reports were that much damage has been done in Dayton, Bellview, Newport, Covington and Ludlow, on the Kentucky shore, and at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Word reached here that passenger train No. 8, Cincinnati to Cleveland, was blown from the track in the storm somewhere between Cincinnati and Columbus. There was four feet of water over the track, according to reports.

The storm spent its fury here and moved up the river. The steamer Convey sank with all on board, a crew of thirteen.

According to reports brought here by refugees, the town of Ludlow, Ky., six miles southwest of here, was practically leveled by the storm. The clubhouse and motordrome at the summer resort on the edge of the town were demolished and 2,000 persons were marooned there without shelter.

CARPENTER STRUCK BY PLANK

George L. Shafer Suffers Bad Gash in Head While at Work

While at work on a new barn which is being erected on the Cortland farm near Lexington, George L. Shafer, a carpenter, suffered a severe injury to his head when he was struck by a falling plank. The accident happened late Tuesday afternoon. A heavy plank which was being placed in position fell and it struck Shafer on the head, knocking him to the ground. He was rendered unconscious by the blow and for a time it appeared as if he had been instantly killed.

As soon as he had regained consciousness, he was placed in an automobile and brought to the office of Dr. J. M. Davis, who gave him medical attention. Several stitches were required to close the wound on top of his head.—Mansfield News.

SOCIETY NOTES

Pleasantly Surprised

A number of friends of Miss Mabel Totman pleasantly surprised her at her East Chestnut street home Wednesday evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in games and music. Delicious refreshments were served. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hogue and children, who reside east of the city, Miss Evelyn Shrimplin and Mr. Clinton Scoles, who reside north of the city, and Mr. Marcus Carter of Gambier.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter Sockman and Mr. and Mrs. William McIntire have returned from a trip to Marion and Delaware.

The Store That Saves You Money

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Specials for Saturday

In the Meat Department

Standing Rib Roast, lb.....17c
Chuck Steak, lb.....17c
Chuck Roast, lb.....15c
Chuck Roll, lb.....14c
Plate Rib, lb.....13c
Soft Rib, lb.....12c
Brisket, lb.....11c

In the Bakery Department

Parkhouse Rolls, doz.....8c
Rye Bread, loaf.....5c
Raisin Bread, loaf.....5c
Orange Cakes, each.....10c
Nut Rolls, each.....10c

In the Grocery Department

Still selling 25 lbs. Granulated Sugar for.....\$1.50
10 lbs. Granulated Sugar.....55c
New Potatoes, pk.....20c
Just received more old Potatoes, pk.....18c
Brick Cheese, lb.....18c
Limburger Cheese, lb.....20c
New Peas, lb.....5c
Hershey's Milk Chocolate, regular 5c bar, three for.....10c
Hershey's Almond bars, regular 5c bar, three for.....10c
Canadian Cut Plug Smoking Tobacco, two 10c tins for.....15c
American Navy Plug Chewing Tobacco, three 10c packages for.....20c
Half lb. Sweet Cuba Fine Cut for.....18c

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